

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masanobu MIKI et al.

Application No.: 10/560,858

Filed: December 15, 2005

Docket No.: 126346

For: PLASMA GENERATING ELECTRODE, PLASMA GENERATION DEVICE, AND
EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING DEVICE

**TRANSMITTAL OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Power of Attorney from the Assignees.

In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that NGK
INSULATORS, LTD. and HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD. are together the assignees of the entire
right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from
the inventors of the patent application identified above. A copy of the assignment is attached
hereto and is concurrently being submitted for recordation.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.36(a), submission of this Power of Attorney revokes any
powers of attorney previously given.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION SHOULD
BE SENT TO OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC, CUSTOMER NO. 25944, TELEPHONE
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EXHIBIT A

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Sir:

Assignee Name and Address: NGK Insulators, Ltd.
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appoints the patent practitioners associated with Oliff & Berridge, PLC Customer
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connection with any and all U.S. patent applications assigned to the above-named assignee.

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HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD., ☐ owner or ☒ co-owner of the entire right, title and
interest in the above patent application by virtue of:

- a. ☐ being an inventor, or
b. ☒ an Assignment
 i. ☒ copy attached, or
 ii. ☐ recorded at Reel _____, Frame _____ of the Patent Office microfilm records),

hereby appoints the patent practitioners associated with Oliff & Berridge, PLC Customer
No. 25944 as attorneys of record to prosecute this application and all continuations and
divisions thereof, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office.

The undersigned has reviewed the chain of title and confirms that the aforesaid title is
in the owner. The undersigned is authorized to execute this document as or on behalf of the
owner.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION
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3 FEB 2006
Date

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Assignment

譲渡証

Japanese Language Assignment

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- (9) **Insert Name of Assignee**
譲受人氏名を記入すること

(9) NGK Insulators, Ltd. and Honda Motor Co., Ltd.

- (10) **Insert Address of Assignee**
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(11) PLASMA GENERATING ELECTRODE, PLASMA GENERATION DEVICE, AND
EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING DEVICE

(Attorney Docket No.)

弁護士整理番号

前記署名人が下記の日付でアメリカ合衆国において特許出願を履行するものであり、

or

もしくは

(12) **Insert Date of Signing of Application**

出願に署名する日付を記入のこと

(12) on _____

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提出された出願のための代案確認事項

(13) U.S. application Serial Number _____

右記の米国出願整理番号で

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6) 各々の署名人は、この書類の記録上、米国特許商標庁の規定に従うために、必要もしくは所望であればこの譲渡証にさらに確認事項を記入するための権利がオリフ・ベッジ法律弁護士事務所(Oliff & Berridge)に付与されていることをここに承認する。

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America on even date herewith

1) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications for the invention, and any patent(s) issuing thereon, and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications and patents as the Assignee may deem necessary.

2) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning any application or continuation or division thereof, or any patent or reissue application based thereon, for the invention, and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

3) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

4) Each undersigned agrees to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain, maintain or confirm by reissue or reexamination a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

5) Each undersigned authorizes and requests the Commissioner of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any and all Letters Patents of the United States resulting from said application(s) to the said Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and covenants that he has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has not executed, and will not execute, any agreements in conflict herewith, and agrees that this assignment is binding on him and his heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives.

6) Each undersigned hereby grants the firm of Oliff & Berridge the power to insert on this assignment any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

証人立ち会いのもとで、署名人覧の隣の日付をもってこの署名が履行される。

In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

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Date 日付	_____	Witness 証人	_____
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